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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Saturday, January 20, 2018
Issued: 0800 CT

Day 1 Weather Impacts: *Elevated to Critical Fire Weather conditions in the afternoon and early evening for E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, portions of NW & W TX, and W OK.*

Day 1 Weather Impacts: *Difficult travel conditions due to wintry weather starting late this afternoon across western NM, expanding to central and northern NM overnight.*

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Key Points



Today

- **Fire**: Elevated to Critical Fire Weather conditions in the afternoon and early evening for E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, portions of NW & W TX, and W OK
- **Winter**: Difficult travel conditions starting late this afternoon across western NM, expanding to central and northern NM overnight

Sunday - Monday

- **Winter**: Difficult travel conditions continue on Sunday for Cntrl&N NM
- **Fire**: Widespread Critical Fire Weather conditions possible Sunday for Central/Western OK into NW & W TX
- **Winds**: Gusty southwest to west winds Sunday may lead to difficult travel conditions (especially on north-south facing roads), visibility restrictions (due to blowing dust), and some power outages for E NM, Far West & W TX, and into the southwest portions of the TX South Plains and TX Panhandle
- **Severe**: Isolated severe storms (damaging winds) possible on Sunday for E TX, SE OK, NW LA, W AR and for south-central into SE LA on Monday

Tuesday - Wednesday

- No significant weather impacts

FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Jan 20, 2018 through Jan 24, 2018

	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
Severe Storms		E TX, SE OK, NW LA, W AR	south-central into SE LA		
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding					
Fire Weather	E NM, TX Panhandle, W TX, W OK	Central/Western OK into NW & W TX			
Winds		E NM, Far West & W TX, TX South Plains, TX Panhandle			
Winter	W&Cntrl NM	Cntrl & N NM			
River Flooding					

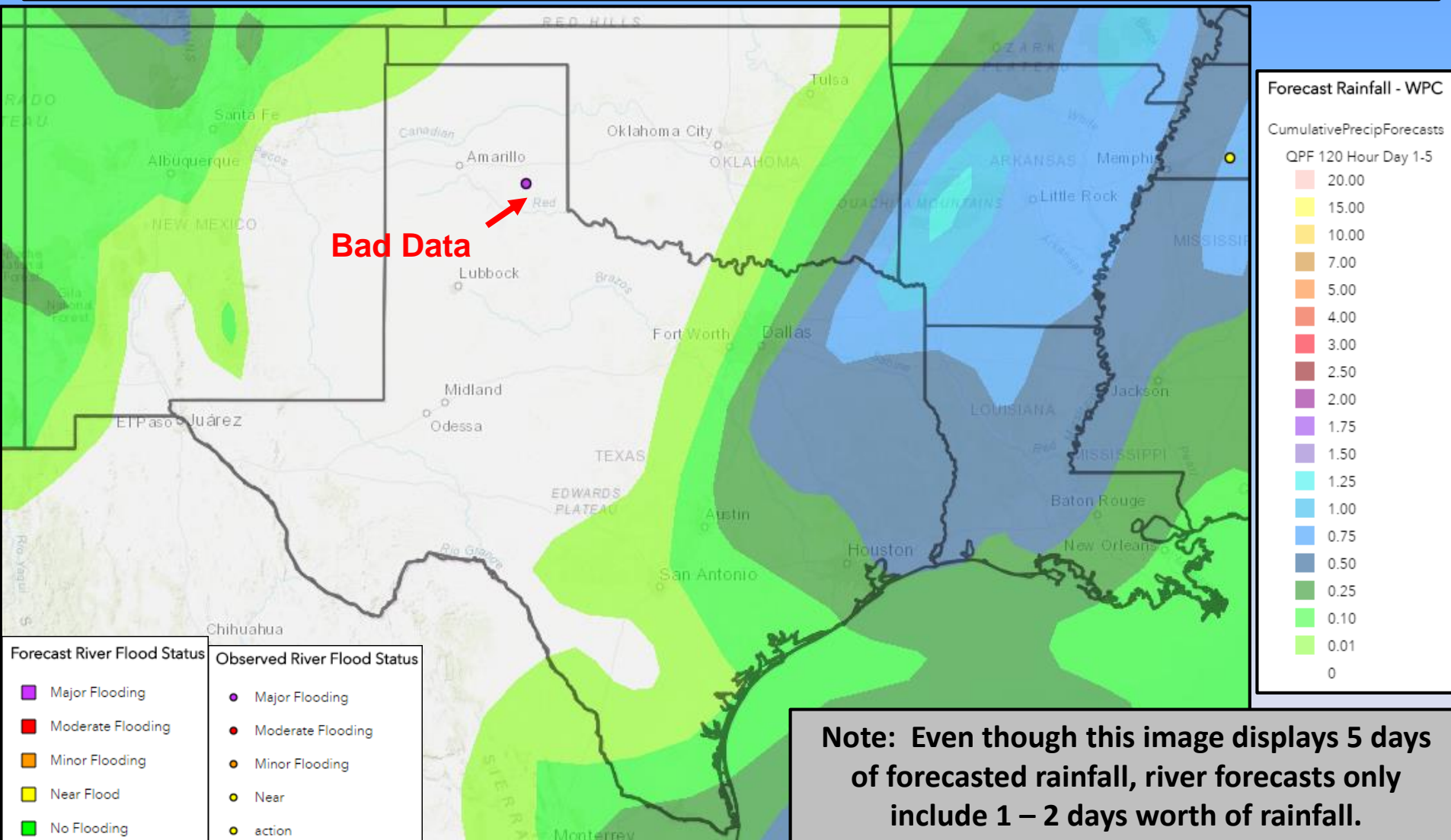
- No Weather Threats Expected
- Very Common – Happens Often
- Common – Happens Frequently
- Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
- Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
- Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.



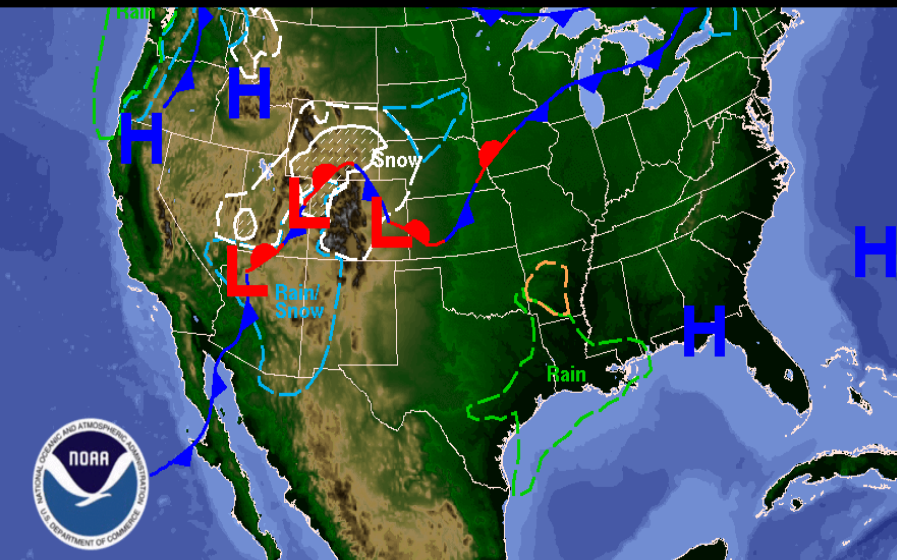
5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

River flooding is not expected in the next five days.



See <http://water.weather.gov/ahps> for the latest on river flooding

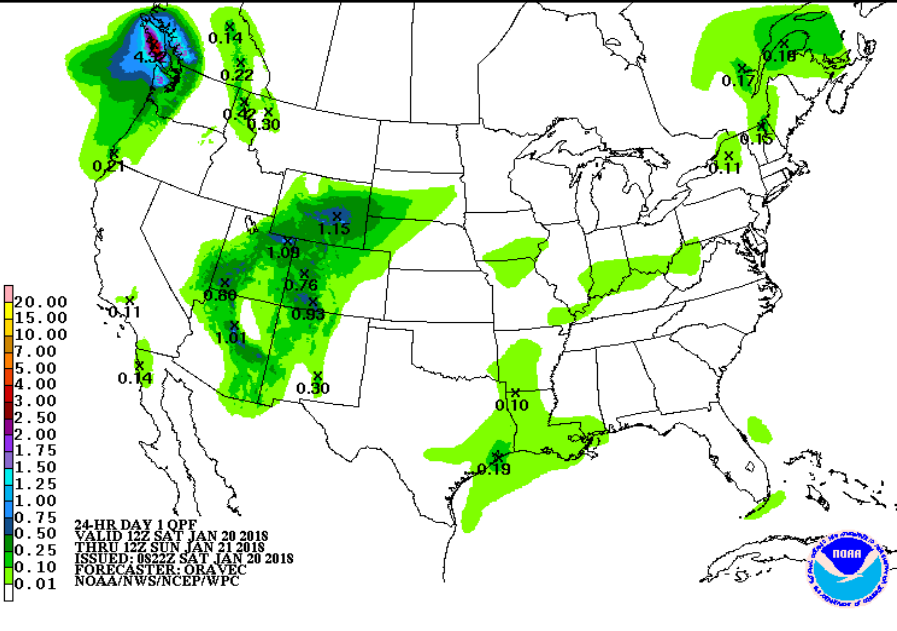
Today's Weather



Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Sat, Jan 20, 2018, issued 3:57 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Kong with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

Rain
Rain and T'Storms
Rain and Snow
Snow
Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)
Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)
Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)
Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)



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VALID 12Z SAT JAN 20 2018
THRU 12Z SUN JAN 21 2018
ISSUED: 0822Z SAT JAN 20 2018
FORECASTER: ORA/VC
NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

Elevated to Critical Fire Weather conditions in the afternoon and early evening for E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, portions of NW & W TX, and W OK.

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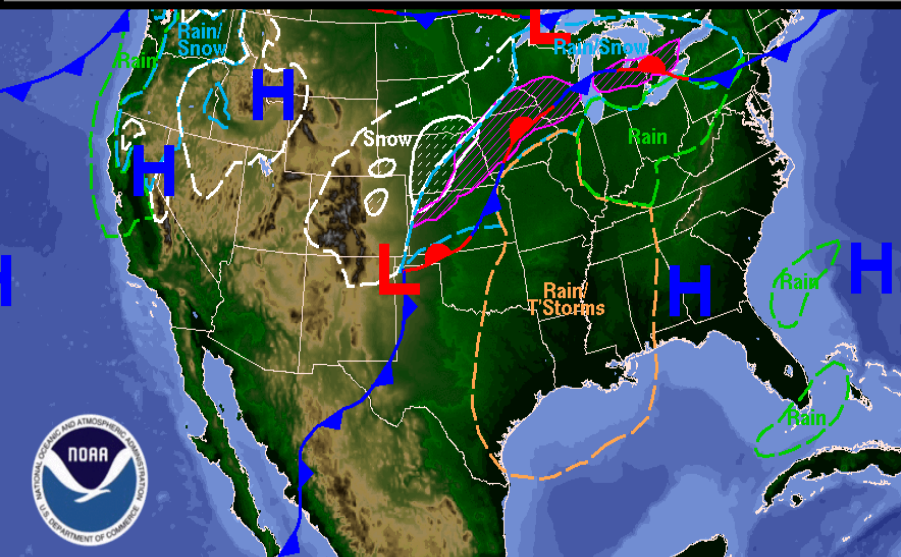
Highlighted Area: FEMA Region 6

Severe Weather Outlook Saturday, January 20, 2018

Last Updated: Jan 20 2018 0654 AM CST
Valid Until: Jan 21 2018 0600 AM CST



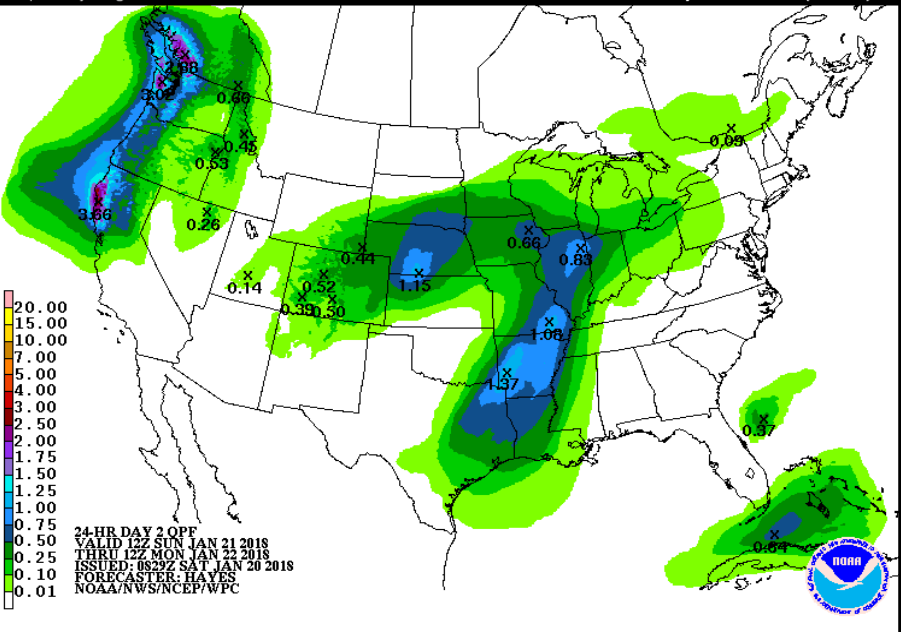
Tomorrow's Weather



Day 2 National Forecast Chart

Valid Sun, Jan 21, 2018, issued 3:43 AM EST Sat, Jan 20, 2018
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Kong with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

Rain
Rain and T'Storms
Rain and Snow
Snow
Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)
Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)
Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)
Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)



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THRU 12Z MON JAN 22 2018
ISSUED 0829Z SAT JAN 20 2018
FORECASTER: HAYES
NOAA/NWS/NCEP/WPC

Difficult travel conditions due to wintry weather for Central and Northern NM.

Widespread Critical Fire Weather Conditions possible Sunday afternoon and evening for Central/Western OK into NW and W TX.

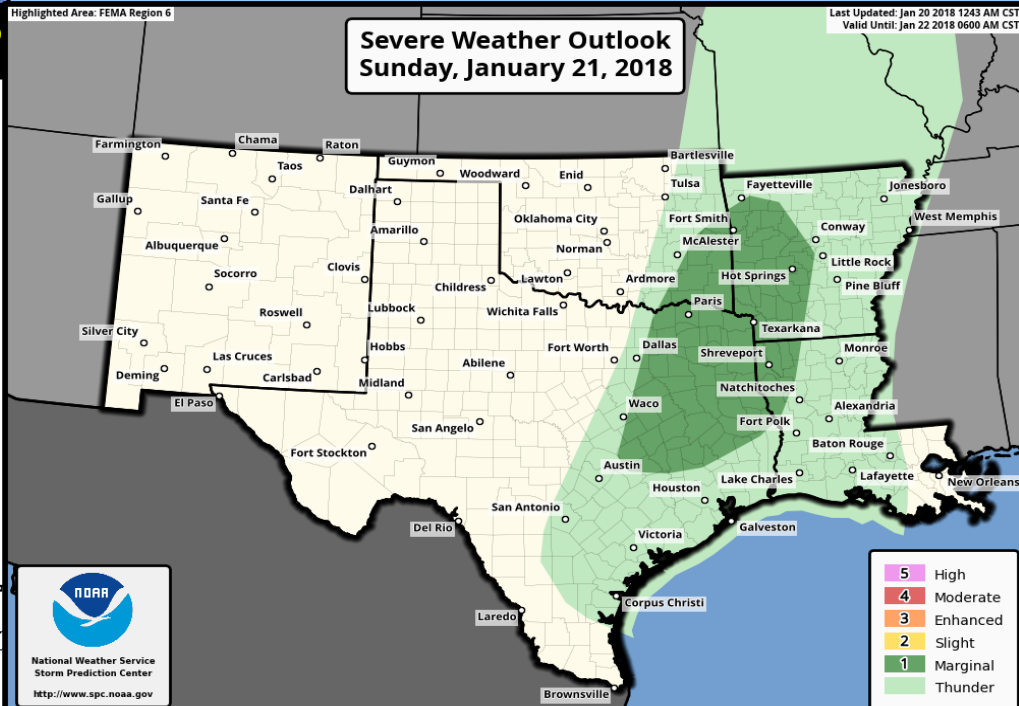
Gusty winds may lead to difficult travel conditions, visibility restrictions, and some power outages for E&S NM, Far West & W TX, and southwest portions of the TX South Plains and TX Panhandle.

Isolated severe storms E TX, SE OK, NW LA, W AR.

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Severe Weather Outlook Sunday, January 21, 2018

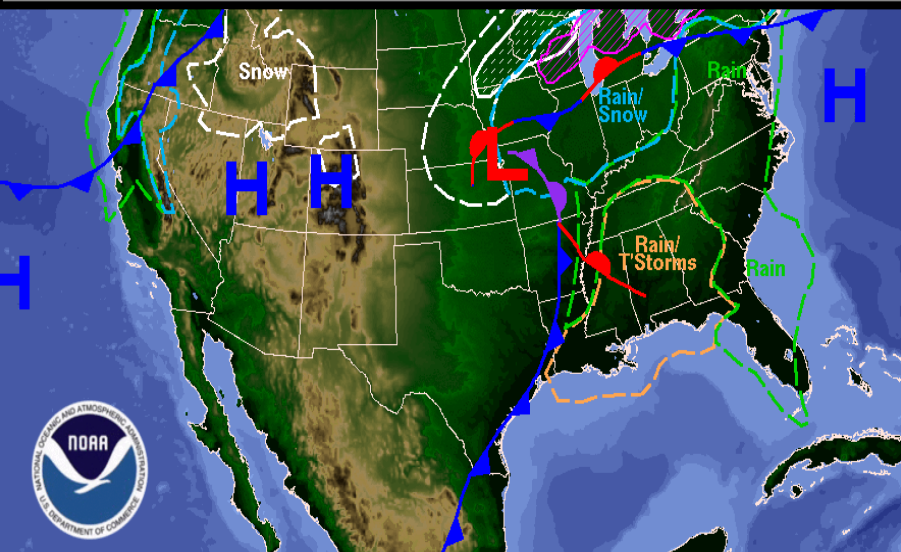
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Valid Until: Jan 22 2018 0600 AM CST



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National Weather Service
Storm Prediction Center
<http://www.spc.noaa.gov>

5 High
4 Moderate
3 Enhanced
2 Slight
1 Marginal
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Monday's Weather

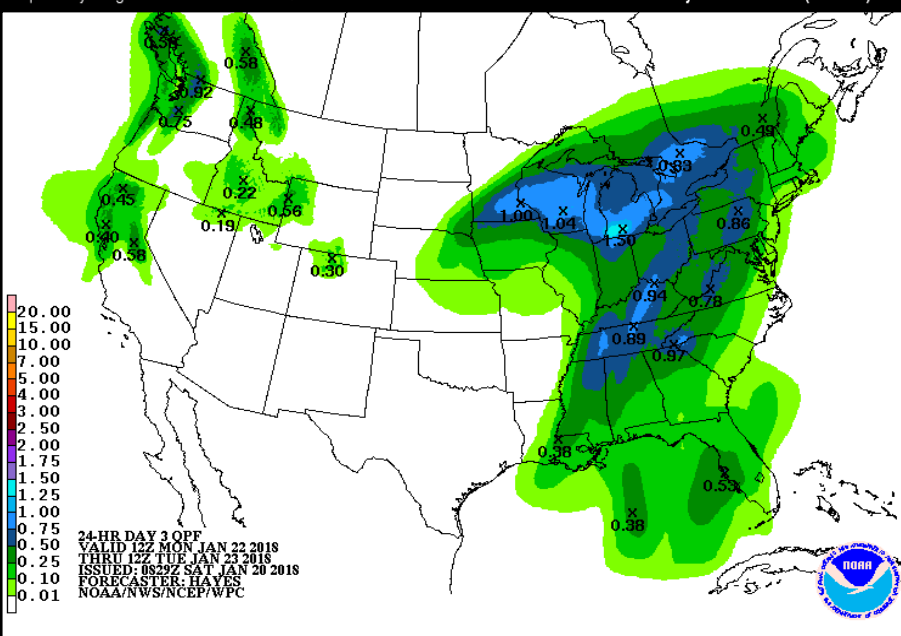


Isolated severe storms for south-central into SE LA.

Day 3 National Forecast Chart

Valid Mon, Jan 22, 2018, Issued 4:19 AM EST Sat, Jan 20, 2018
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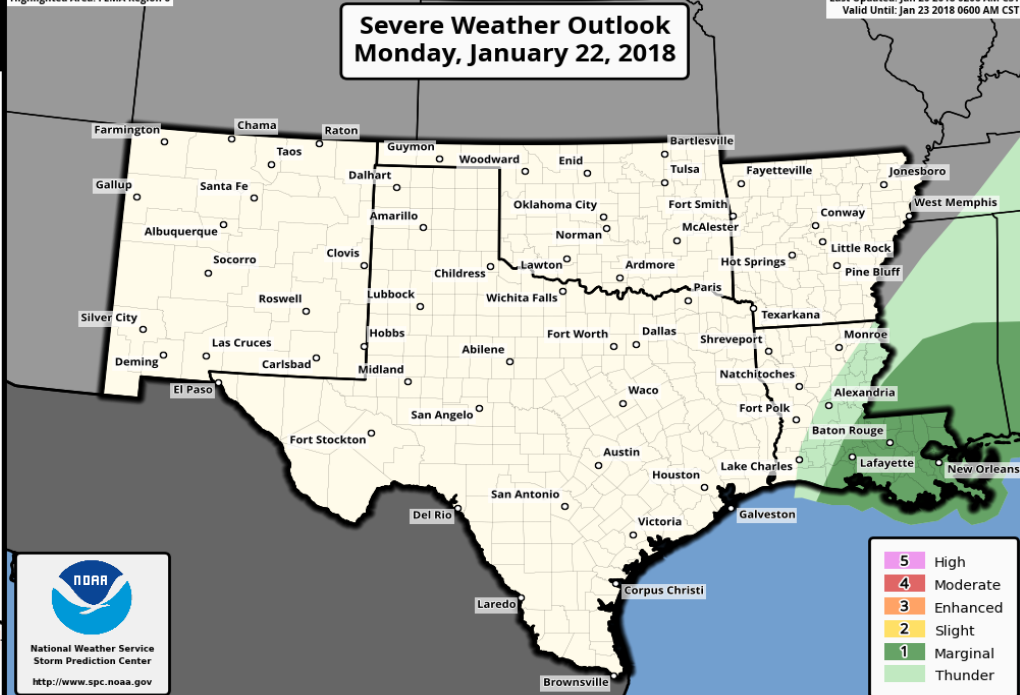
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Rain and Snow
Snow
Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)
Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)
Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)
Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)



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Severe Weather Outlook Monday, January 22, 2018

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Valid Until: Jan 23 2018 06:00 AM CST

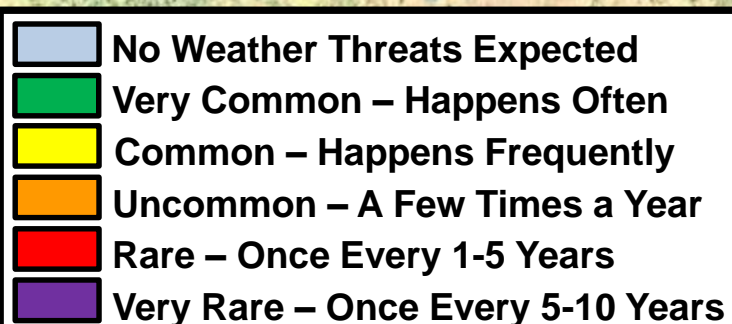


Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

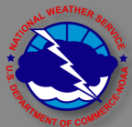
Tuesday - Wednesday



No significant weather impacts expected

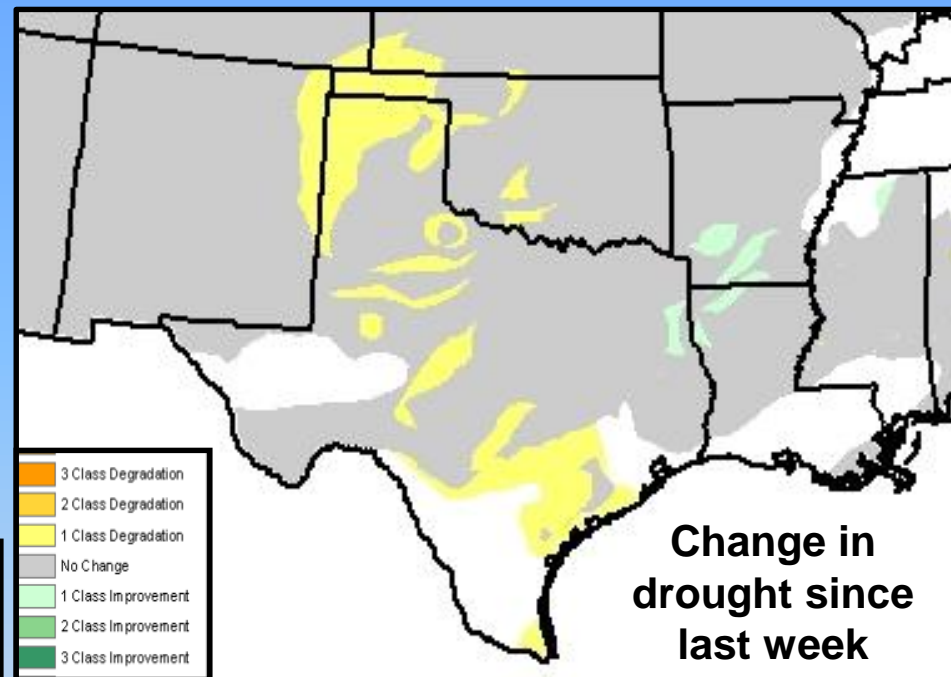
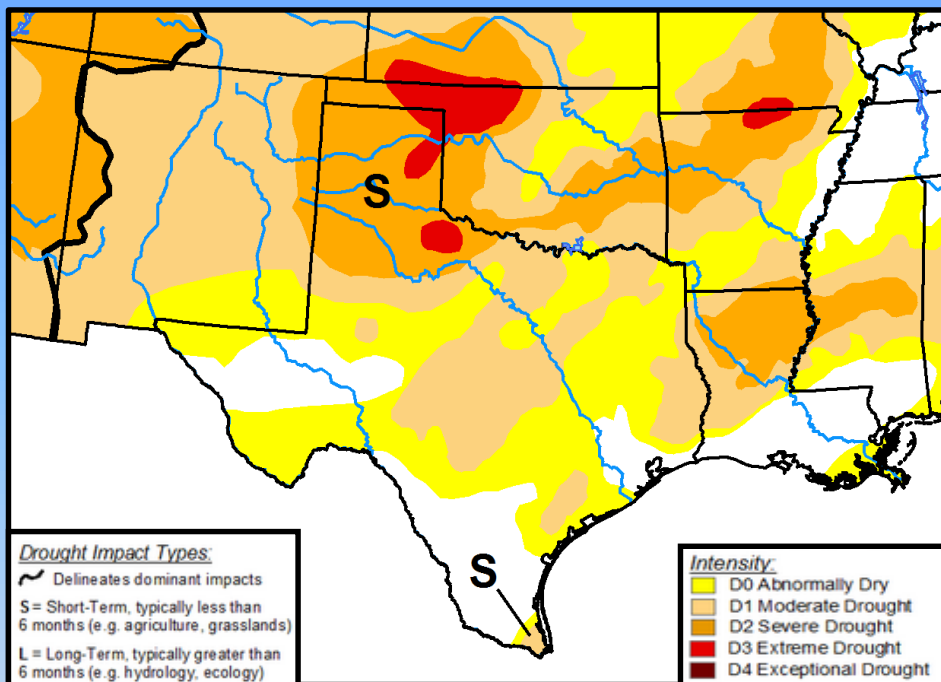


*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.



Drought Monitor Released January 18, 2018

Data valid as of 6am CST, Tuesday, January 16, 2018



Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)

State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Arkansas	2.37%	2.37%	0.00%	2.02%
Louisiana	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Oklahoma	12.10%	7.03%	0.00%	4.17%
Texas	2.01%	0.39%	0.00%	0.15%
New Mexico	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

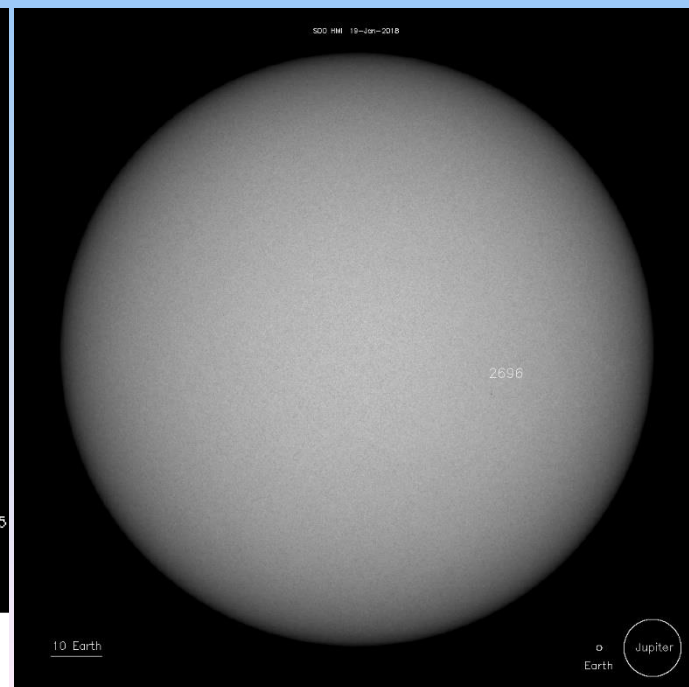
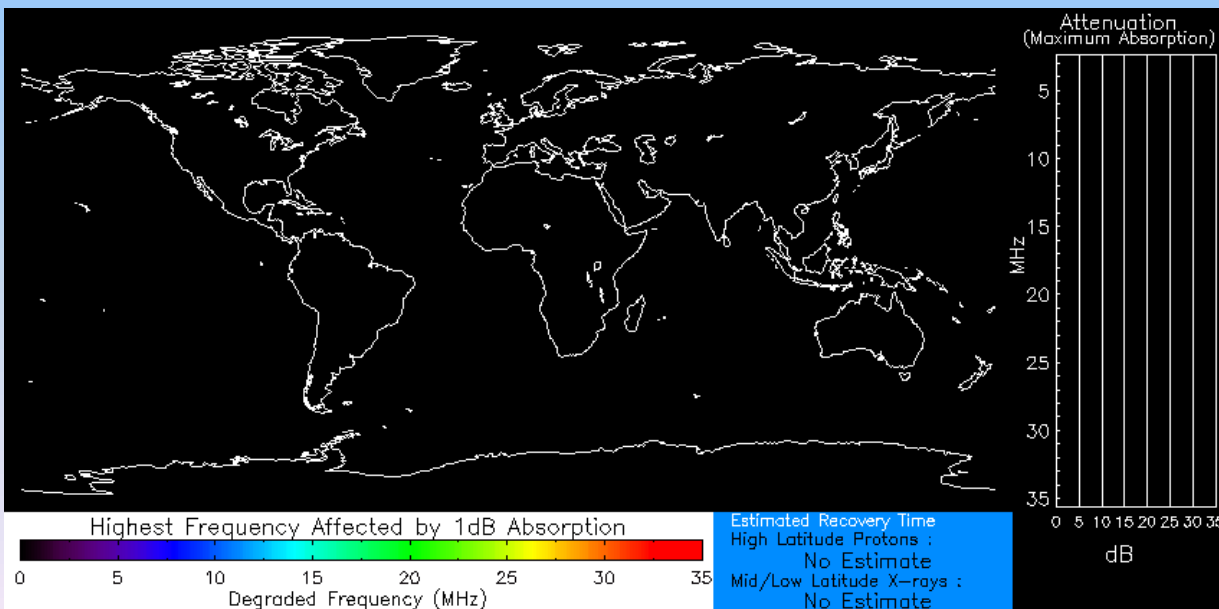
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)

	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Geomagnetic Storms	Unsettled to Active (Max Kp = 4)	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



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Weather "Threat" Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	Very Common Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX
Yellow	Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1" hail
Orange	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected
Red	Rare – Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue
Purple	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms